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# LETTER DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991), I have the honour to provide you with the following report regarding the measures taken by the Government of the United States of America to give full effect to the provisions of paragraph 24 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

The United States Government has continued to apply the stringent legal and interdictory measures that it introduced shortly after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on 2 August 1990.

On 2 August 1990, President Bush signed Executive Order 12722, blocking Iraqi government property and prohibiting transactions with Iraq. On 9 August 1990, the President signed Executive Order 12724, which expanded the restrictions mentioned in Executive Order 12722. Among other items, these executive orders prohibit exports and imports of goods and services between the United States and Iraq, forbid activities by persons in the United States that would promote the export or transshipment of goods to Iraq and blocked all property of the Government of Iraq. Use of American private transportation means and related facilities to trade with Iraq have been similarly prohibited by regulation. On 5 November 1990, the United States Congress enacted the Iraqi Sanctions Act of 1990, which affirmed the sanctions imposed by the President and provided for certain penalties with respect to violations.

Pursuant to these orders, the Department of the Treasury has frozen all bank accounts of the Iraqi Government and has promulgated regulations to restrict Iraqi access to its funds and to ensure that funds will not be made available to Iraq and those who would facilitate commodity trade with Iraq. Thus, the Government of the United States has taken the actions necessary to conform strictly to the prohibitions contained in all the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. These United States restrictions remain in effect today.

In sum, the United States Government by law and by the vigorous administration of its implementing regulations, as well as by employment of American military resources, has done all within its power to achieve the goals set out in paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 661 (1990) and paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991).

(Signed) Thomas R. PICKERING

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